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Title: METAL SURFACES COATED WITH FLUORINATED POLYMERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) Coated metal surface comprising, successively:

- a layer (1) of primer placed next to the metal and comprising an epoxy primer and 1 to 70 parts of a polymer chosen from polymers L2 which are fluoropolymers chemically modified by a partial dehydrofluorination followed by an oxidation, per 30 to 99 parts, of said epoxy primer,
- a layer (3) of fluoropolymer.

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5. (Amended) A coated metal surface according to Claim 1, in which the epoxy primer is the product of the reaction of a thermosetting epoxy resin and of a hardener.

7. (Amended) A coated metal surface according to Claim 5, in which the epoxy primer has a Tg greater than 120°C.